



12 June 2011

**Welcome** *A warm welcome to all who join us today in giving worship and praise to our great God and Saviour. May this be a time of growing in grace and strengthening our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Please join us for a cuppa after the service. If you are visiting today, please sign our visitor's Book. We have an information leaflet explaining our church's ministries and activities, feel free to take one or ask for one.*

### WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 AM Rev. Richard Scoenmaker  
(Mt Evelyn CRC)  
Message: A Community of Love, Justice and  
Mercy  
Reading: James 2:1-13

6:00 PM Africaans Service  
Thinus du Plessis (Wonga Park CRC)  
Message: TBA  
Reading: TBA

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Pentecost – Oasis Camp Ministry

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Lord's Supper Diaconate

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,813.50
WDR Resources	\$552.75
COM (Chennai Home India)	\$100.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: ?.Hamilton, L. Barrot, D. Barrot  
Next Week: J. Bruinewoud, P. Bruinewoud,  
T. Raatjes

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Glenn de Jong  
Next Week: Jennifer van Neutegem,  
David Cameron

#### GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud  
Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

### From the Pastor's Desk

I am sitting here at Sydney airport with Anita waiting to fly back home after a great break at the Minister's and wives Recharge Conference. It was a fantastic time of fellowship and interaction with people from across the denomination. Kevin and Sherry Harney inspired and challenged us to look at life and leadership from the inside out. We went through teaching time on the mind, heart, eyes, ears, mouth, hands, libido, funny bone and backbone of a leader. Through these sessions we looked at cultivating our whole being before God and his people in ways that sustain us, grow us and grow God's people. We looked at these aspects in the light of being husband and wife in ministry too. We spent time in small groups,

worship and prayer. There was also plenty of free time and fun time. Anita and I have come away refreshed and challenged. We are thankful to the church for the opportunity to attend and have come away blessed.

Today we welcome Richard Schoenmaker from The Mt Evelyn CRC as he leads our service in my absence. Over this weekend I am in Larnder Park for the State Youth Games. This year the young people from Dandenong are joining together with the youth from Hope in the Hills, Mt Evelyn, Wonga Park and, now also, Casey. We have a team of over 100 young people participating in about 3 different sports each. Please be in prayer for this weekend that the participants will play fair, enjoy each other's company and will keep safe. Please pray for those who are coordinating the teams, those who providing the food and those who are helping out. We look forward to reporting back on the weekend in the weeks ahead.

State Youth Games (SYG) is an action-packed weekend of sports and activities for young people. Approximately 3000 people camp out together, play sports all day and celebrate at night. It is organised by Youth Vision Victoria-the youth ministry arm of Churches of Christ in Victoria. Youth Groups from all over the State travel for the event.

SYG aims to bring young people together in a community of fun and involvement where they can enjoy sporting pursuits in a Christian context. SYG assists the local church youth groups to reach out to young people in their communities and involve them in an activity which is non-threatening, fun, relevant, energetic and challenging.

### Thoughts on Pentecost

Today the church around the world remembers the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (50 days after the resurrection). It's always good to remember the great and wonderful things God did, when the church was born. So much can be learned from reading the second chapter of Acts about the person of the Holy Spirit, the unity and boldness this group had and so on.

But what does it mean for me personally today? Because of what happened on the Day of Pentecost (described in Acts 2), we tend to associate the Holy Spirit's presence and power with amazing phenomena and large numbers. We forget that a little later the same people filled with the same Holy Spirit were rejected, flogged, imprisoned, even executed. But through it all they were powerful witnesses!

The Holy Spirit's presence and power can be evidenced in a dynamic preacher who attracts great audiences. But it is seen as well in the volunteer who carries on a one-on-one prison ministry, in the person who witnesses to a co-worker or a neighbour, and in the Kidz church, J-Team or URY teacher who faithfully teaches week after week. It is seen in the person who gets alongside someone who is struggling with life, be that in Cornerstone, Shawlands or even through the Op Shop. It is seen anywhere where God's people are at work being his hands, feet and voice.

The power of Pentecost is not especially reserved for the highly gifted. Rather, it is available to all believers in Christ who want to serve Him. The power of God's Spirit gives power to our witness.

Following is a prayer for you to use on this special day.

"Holy Spirit, you are one in majesty with the Father and the Son from all eternity. By your

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breath, human life began. The Scriptures call you “Comforter,” and we treasure the comfort you bring as you shelter us and draw us closer to Jesus, bringing to us the assurance of forgiveness, love, and joy. “We want to be holy, set apart for godly purposes. We want to be courageous witnesses, confessing Christ and sharing his story, as the first apostles did. Show us our sins and weaknesses, and teach us how to receive from you godly strength. “Then fill our souls so full of love for you that we never wander from you. Fan into flames of faith the fire you have kindled in our hearts. May our faith in you shine so brightly that even those who do not know you marvel at your strength at work in us. “We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our mighty, ascended Saviour and Lord. Amen.”

### **Eternity**

The *Eternity* newspaper is available from the foyer table for you to pickup and read. It has some very interesting articles on how local churches responded to the recent floods; a discussion on the gender of God; interviews and information on what is happening across Australia.

## **FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

### **THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)**

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Leader is John Nicholson. Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

### **OASIS GROWTH GROUP:**

meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month (but not during school holidays) at the Burggraaf’s: 7:30 – 9:30 pm. New members welcome to attend. Ph: 9791 2601

### **COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY:**

The Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study meets each Tuesday during the school term, starting at 10am. All ladies are very welcome to join us. Helen van Garderen.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:**

Wednesday night Bible Study. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

### **DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP:**

Meets on Friday night 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Church Office Lounge Room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

### **Disabled Car Parking Spaces**

A friendly reminder to all those people who use the “Disabled Car Parking Spaces”, please park correctly in the designated area.

Also if you use the drive way leading to the church to “drop off or collect” people, **please do not park** in the drive way as this hinders other people who need to drive through.

Thanking you for your understanding in this matter.

Corey van Garderen

Finance and Maintenance Committee

## **OP SHOP**

Our Church Op Shop opens on Thursdays from 11.30am – 4.30pm and Fridays from 10am – 4.30pm. We raise money for various local mission projects. Donations can only be dropped off during opening times. Volunteers may contact Anneke Laverman (97005686)

### **Marriage Enrichment weekend:**

Last year Casey CRC held a marriage enrichment weekend for a number of couples from our church for the purpose of building better relationships between husband and wife.

Because the weekend was so well received by the participants; Council decided that we should hold it again this year.

So if you have a desire to learn and develop some more communication and relationship skills for your marriage then this is for you!

Venue: Convention Lodge Belgrave Heights

Date 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> August

For more details please call either Betty or Herman Westendorp: 97968626

## Outlook Gardens Aged Care - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist the Leisure and Lifestyle team in the Lavender Lounge with the morning activities program from 10.am to 11.30am.

The Lavender Lounge is a High Care area, and we are looking for volunteers who can come in on a regular basis on any week day

Please call Rosemary Crouch on 9795 7566 for more details

## CRCA Women's Convention

**Friday 24 – Monday 27 February 2012**  
**At Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, Tasmania**

**'the finest secret'**

*This event is for women of ALL ages!*

Our speaker will be Belinda Straatsma, is a wife and mother of 3 primary aged children and works as a women's ministry co-ordinator.

Belinda plans to take us through the book of Philippians.

*This will be great opportunity for women to get together and be encouraged.*

*So talk to your daughters, sisters, in-laws, friends about coming!*

Fees are \$310 per person. This includes bedding and towel.

Enrolments will be available next month; spaces are limited, so get in early.

There will be a bus going to the camp from Launceston airport at 2.00 pm on Friday 24 February. So book your flights before that time.

For any enquiries email: [crcwc12@gmail.com](mailto:crcwc12@gmail.com)

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

- This week-end our young people are off to the **State Youth Games**, together with youth from Casey, Wonga Park, Tecoma, and Mount Evelyn. A Team of leaders and support adults are also going to be there to help with meals, leadership and the care that's needed for the 107 young people. Pray that this will be a great time of fellowship, fun and learning together. Pastor Jim will also be there as one of the leaders... ( straight from the minister's and spouses conference to S.Y.G! We trust you had a refreshing time, Anita and Jim! )
- A number of our congregation supported the family of **Adri van Vliet**, on Tuesday for the Thanksgiving Service for her life. Pray that God's love and comfort may be experienced by all who grieve the loss of a loved one.
- **Betty Vandenberg** remains in Dandenong hospital in Amaroo Ward, where further assessments are being done for her residential care options. For Peter and for Betty this is a difficult time of transition. Pray for them in this time apart, that they may know God's peace with the decisions that need to be taken.
- With the colder weather come the respiratory infections, 'flu's and colds. Little **Jesse Meenks** has had bronchialitis, and had a day in hospital last week but thankfully, is now much better.

### New Address and Phone Number

**Nel and Mark Steunenberg's new address is 18/ 237 Outlook Dr. Dandenong Nth. 3175.**

**Their telephone is 9795 4946.**

Please update your address book.

### **Church Planting Initiative**

As a denomination we have been challenged, via Synod, to consider Church planting initiatives. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow the church and see God's kingdom grow. A number of meetings have been held with some leaders from the local CRCA churches to consider a collaborative missionary church plant in the SE suburbs of Melbourne. At the heart of these meetings is a strong desire for the local churches to be united for the sake of the gospel, as we network together. Classis has given support to the initiative and things are beginning to take shape.

Following these meetings a small group is working on a draft mandate/memorandum of understanding for approval and there is work being done on identifying leaders and people who would be part of the church plant. The next step is a planned meeting of interested people in Pakenham on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** (new date). Further information will be given at a later date.

God has put this vision on the hearts of some people and we ask that all the churches be united in prayer for work. While there are things happening we are really waiting for the Lord's direction on the best way to proceed. Please uphold this vision in prayer, asking for God's wisdom to prevail.

More information will continue to come through as things progress in this exciting venture. Further details can be obtained from Peter Noorbergen or Pastor Jim.

### CRCA National Youth Convention

'Thy Kingdom', exploring creation, fall, redemption, recreation, is the theme of the National Youth Convention to be held in NSW, 3-8<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The main speakers for the convention are Murray Capill (RTC) and Matt Jacoby (Sons of Korah). All youth are encouraged to check out their pigeon holes and join the facebook group (CRCA Youth Convention 2012). For the latest updates.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Eleanor Gauder	June 13
Hennie Zwaal	June 13
Dianella Mut	June 16

May God look down and bless you Now when your birthday's here  
 And keep you in His loving care Each day throughout the year,  
 And may He grant you happiness In everything you do--  
 Today, tomorrow, always, Every day your whole life through!



### God's Promises!

God's promises are precious.  
 He has promised He 'll supply  
 Strength for the day,  
 Light for the way,  
 Help for each task you try;  
 Grace for each trial that may come  
 And courage for each sorrow,  
 And faith to face in confidence  
 A blessed bright tomorrow!

If He should come today  
 And find my hands so full  
 Of future plans, however fair,  
 In which my Saviour has no share,  
 What would He say?

If He Should come today  
 And find my love so cold,  
 My faith so very weak and dim  
 I had not even looked for Him  
 What would He say?

If He should come today  
 And find that I had not told  
 One soul about my Heavenly Friend  
 Whose blessings all my way attend,  
 What would He say?

If He should come today  
 Would I be glad, quite glad?  
 Remembering that He died for all  
 And none through me had heard His call.  
 What would He say?



**Smile**

"Did you like my sermon on 'the milk of the Word'?"  
 "Yes ... but I wish it had been condensed ..."

**Katie Harder Album Launch**

Katie Harder is releasing her new album "far to go yet" and would like to invite you to her launch. It is being held at Burrinja Cafe, 351 Glenfern Rd Upwey 9th July at 8pm \$10 entry

